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## A Family For Every Child

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Make it your New Year Resolution to become a volunteer! We need you, but more importantly, these children need you - help make their New Year one to remember.**

January 2013  
Volunteer Newsletter

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### Other Volunteer Positions Available:

**Videographer Coordinator:** Someone who can take videos made by our photographers of our children and edit them and combine several into one video.

#### Graphic Design

**Coordinator:** Someone who is interested in graphic design to assist in adding excitement to our front web page, text message page and HGA site.

#### State-by-state Project:

Someone to research each state policy for placing children that are in the foster care system, organize data and enter onto spreadsheet.

#### Heart Gallery of America:

Someone to communicate with Heart Galleries across America, update info, improve service and assist with gallery coordination, enter status data into web applications.

#### Family Adoption

**Specialists:** Someone who can be supportive, empathetic, and diligent in conducting child searches for families working through the adoption process, communicating also with outside agencies.

#### Venue Volunteers:

Someone who is

### The Princess Event 2013

*If there are any dresses sitting in your closet and collecting dust, please donate them to us to make a princess feel special! We will gladly accept princess dresses of all sizes!*

*Clean out your closet and donate those Holiday Dresses that are too small! Also this month, we will focus on collecting wands and tiaras!*

#### Looking for volunteers for:

**Sponsorship:** In order to do this right we need the help of our community partners, this role would be gaining sponsors for this event to help with over all costs

**Hair Dressers:** Oversees gathering Hair, Makeup and Nails volunteers for the day

**Dress & Shoe:** Oversees collection of all Dresses and Shoes for the day

**Accessories:** Oversees all collection of all accessories needed for the day.

**Photographers/Videographer:** Volunteers for the day

**Décor:** Plans and gathers supplies to create a "Princess Day Theme"

**Tea Party Room:** Oversees room day of, coordinates all volunteers and the schedule of food and volunteers the day of

**Food:** All food and beverages are donated, oversee all these donations and getting them to the venue the day of.

**Media:** Outreach months preceding event, all media outreach and media coordination day of.



### Volunteer of the Month

#### **THANK YOU Bridget Grand!**

Bridget Grand is our new volunteer offering administrative support for both our Family Finding and Mentor Programs! Bridget dedicates roughly twenty hours a week to doing Family Finding follow-up, updating our database, and working on mentor recruitment programs. Bridget



has been with our organization for a short time, but has already proved her dedication to helping foster kids in our community! She always brightens the office with a smile, and her hard work and kindness affect everyone she meets.

### Laptop Computers Needed!

A Family for Every Child is in need of lap top computers that will support

interested in replacing photos in the Heart Gallery venues once a month in the Eugene/Springfield, OR area.

**Salesforce Volunteer:**

Someone to explore the app's, social media, and new opportunities in Salesforce.

**Development Coordinator:**

Someone to explore Corporate and Business Sponsors, both for funding (matching funds) and volunteer hours that they give their employees.

**Slideshow**

**Presentation/Powerpoint**

**Volunteer:** Someone to document our processes in usable, teachable training manuals.

### Mission

A Family for Every Child is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child.

A Family For Every Child, a nonprofit organization, was started by Christy Obie-Barrett and dozens of dedicated and passionate volunteers. In 2006, AFFEC was formed and developed into an organization focused on finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for all waiting children. Our intention is to develop programs that assist special-needs/challenging-to-place foster children in finding their own Forever Families.

We started with our first sole project called The Heart Gallery in November, 2006, and now we have blossomed into ten incredibly successful programs. None of this could have occurred without the wonderful support from this community's sources, including volunteers, sponsors, photographers, in-kind donors and many more.

Window 7. Much of our mission "To get kids out of foster care and into permanent homes" is done using the Internet. We submit interest on children available for adoption at an increasing rate, currently we send over 500 inquiries a week to Children's Workers from Families that would like to adopt them. These laptops are needed to keep up with the high demand of the services and connection we supply for over 2000 waiting children.

If you have a computer you would like to donate, and want to make a difference in changing a waiting child's life we ask you to consider us.

For more information or questions about donations, please contact [Scott@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Scott@afamilyforeverychild.org) or call 541-343-2856, and ask for Scott.

Thank you!

## Volunteer/Intern Positions

### Private Investigator:

In our Family Finding Program, we look for relatives of foster children. The Family Finding model is a group of methods and strategies to locate and engage relatives of children living in out-of-home care. The goal of Family Finding is to provide each child with the lifelong connections that only a family can offer.

We are looking for someone with good research skills, can follow deadlines, and have access to databases to do people searches to assist with our Family Finding Program. This is someone who must have PI experience. We need a volunteer who can commit to at least 5-10 hours a week.

### Family Finding Follow-Up Coordinator:

Family Finding is a program that finds relatives and other lost loved ones for children in foster care. We are looking for a follow-up coordinator for our Family Finding jobs. This volunteer must be able to work 10+ hours a week in or out of the A Family For Every Child office building. The volunteer must complete a Family Finding training as well as a Follow-up training

### Mentor Recruitor:

Our mentor program is one of the very important programs in our organization. Foster children are matched with adult mentors, who encourage and support them through various transitions in their life. We are looking for someone who will do extensive recruitment to fulfill our mentor needs. This person needs to identify how and where we find committed mentors who will provide consistency and permanency to our youth in care. This volunteer needs to be engaging and be able to speak to the program needs. We need a volunteer who can commit to at least 10 hours a week.

### Mentor Program Intern:

We are looking for an intern to assist the program director in expanding the Mentor Program. This person needs to be passionate about the mission of finding enthusiastic, dedicated, caring adult members from our community and uniting them with youth in foster care. This volunteer needs to be organized and be able to do data entry and follow-up. We need a volunteer who can commit to at least 10-20 hours a week.

### Sponsorship Event Coordinator:

This person would be in charge of organizing various events in the local community, setting up sponsorship booths and tables and representing the agency as well as the Sponsorship Program. We need a volunteer who can commit to at least 7-10 hours a week.

### Sponsorship Marketing Coordinator:

Our Sponsorship Program is a program that gives opportunities for people and businesses to sponsor a child, a sibling group, different programs, mentors and even a family trying to adopt. We are looking for a volunteer that can help write the newsletters for our Sponsorship Program and work on recruitment and marketing of this program. We need a volunteer who can commit to at least 7+ hours a week.

### Child Recruitment Intern:

We are looking for an intern to research other agencies recruitment efforts and how we can improve our own recruitment program. This person will do outreach to case workers, take diligent notes and analysis of the program while being very professional. This intern will also be in charge of creating a child recruitment webpage. We need a volunteer who can commit to at least 10+ hours a week.

## Thank You

A Big Thank You to Photographers:  
**Craig Strobeck and Richard Roman** from Eugene, OR.  
*Thank You!*

Mentor Volunteers:  
We have over 40 mentor volunteers that commit to spending at least 10 hours a month with a foster child. These enthusiastic, dedicated and

Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers:  
**Jenny Ulum and daughter**  
**Bob Clayton and daughter**  
We now have over 230 photos out in  
over 50 Heart Gallery venues!  
*Thank You!*

caring adult volunteers encourage and  
support their mentee through every  
day life skills.  
A huge thank you to **Nick** for being  
awesome with following up on mentor  
matches and making our program  
more successful!  
*Thank You!*

### ***Interested in Volunteering?***

Remember to Check out our new VOLUNTEER NOW page at:  
<http://www.afamilyforeverychild.org/AboutUs/GetInvolved/volunteerjobs.php> where  
you can easily click on our Volunteer Application.

#### **Instructions on how to Volunteer or become an Intern:**

- Fill out the Volunteer Application on our website, listed below.
- Tell us what position or area you are applying for on the application, including  
your skills and interests.
- If you are not sure which job is for you, we'll be happy to help you figure it out!

With the help of our hundreds of wonderful Volunteers, we are making a  
difference in the lives of countless children in the Foster Care system.

With every hand that is extended and reaching out, WE ARE making an impact,  
day-by-day, one child at a time.

For questions about Volunteering, or about any of these roles, please contact us  
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***Come, make a difference and Join Us!***

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